
Claims

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A leg brace for a person, said leg brace being formed of a generally planar sheet of elastomeric material and having a pair of adjustment ends or tabs connected by interdigitating straps permanently secured to a central body portion [. The tab ends secured thereby,] whose ends are secured thereby, to said [braces] brace's outer elastomeric fabric surface by means of Velcro hook and loop closures located at the inner surface of the tab ends.
2. (Currently amended) The brace of claim one further comprising a central portion and having a girth and height to support a calf, knee, thigh or other body part.
3. (Currently amended) [A brace whose] The brace of claim one further having an interdigitating strap design [allows] allowing for the rapid, secure deployment and fitting of the brace by simultaneously tensioning its two tab ends.
4. (Currently amended) [A] The brace of claim one further [that allows] allowing for the securing of same in registration with the patellae when used as a knee brace and biasing of the patella due to simultaneous tab tensioning.
5. (Currently amended) [A] The brace of claim one that also allows for the support of the thigh or calf without patellar opening when used for same.
6. (Currently amended) [A] The brace [who's] of claim one that further has an adjustable girth [allows it] to fit of a wide range of sizes.

7. (Currently amended) [A] The brace of claim one whose design permits its use on either leg.

[0031] (Currently amended) FIG. 3b representing an [and] enlarged cross section of the bonded neoprene elastomeric brace material to depict the inner surface 15 which is the rubberized neoprene proper and area 14 which is the elastomeric plush fabric covering of lesser width used to allow a suitable surface for attachment of the Velcro hook and loop closures.

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